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In re Application of:

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For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

UTILIZING LONG-PATH AND SHORT-PATH TIMING CONSTRAINTS IN AN

EDA TOOL FOR ROUTING

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance.